

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

WESTERN WATERSHEDS
PROJECT, et al.,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION, et
al.,

Consolidated Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNITED STATES FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE, et al.,

Defendants,

and

SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE
FOUNDATION, SAFARI CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, and ROCKY
MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Lead Case
CV 24-86-M-DWM

Member Cases
CV 24-87-M-DWM
CV 24-97-M-DWM

ORDER

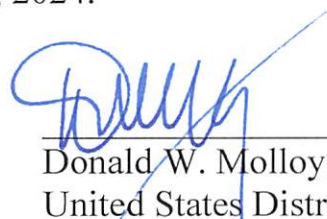
On July 2, 2024, Animal Wellness Action, The Center for a Humane
Economy, Project Coyote, The Kettle Range Conservation Group, Footloose

Montana, and the Gallatin Wildlife Association brought another lawsuit against Defendants regarding their Finding that the Western gray wolf distinct population segment does not warrant listing as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (“ESA”). (*See* CV 24–97–M–DWM, Doc. 1.) There being common issues of fact and law, consolidation of the above-captioned cases is appropriate pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a)(2). (*See id.*, Doc. 9.)

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned cases are consolidated for all further proceedings under the case number CV 24–86–M–DWM and captioned as shown above. The Clerk of Court shall file this Order in the docket for each case. The defendants in *Animal Wellness Action, et al.* shall file their answer in CV 24–97–M–DWM. All other documents shall be filed in the lead case, CV 24–86–M–DWM, and spread to the member cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties must file their proposed case management plan on or before July 22, 2024 consistent with this Court’s prior Orders. (*See* Docs. 6, 12.) In light of the similar claims raised in the three cases, the parties’ proposed case management plan should reflect that Plaintiffs and both sets of Consolidated Plaintiffs will be expected to file joint briefs.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2024.



Donald W. Molloy, District Judge
United States District Court